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In re Application of
Steven Jeromy Carriere, et al.
Application No. 09/531,743
Filed: March 21, 2000

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: **DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR FUNNELING
USER RESPONSES IN AN INTERNET
VOICE PORTAL SYSTEM TO DETERMINE
A DESIRED ITEM OR SERVICE**

This is in reply to applicants' letter filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 9, 2003 which has been treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181,.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Office action dated February 28, 2003 and a Notice to that effect was mailed on October 1, 2003.

Applicants have submitted as evidence of the alleged timely response by facsimile transmission a copy of the USPTO return facsimile receipt showing the cover page of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed May 13, 2003. However no copy of the Request for Continued Examination has been provided. See MPEP section 512.

Any request for reconsideration of this decision must be submitted within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(b) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.81."

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